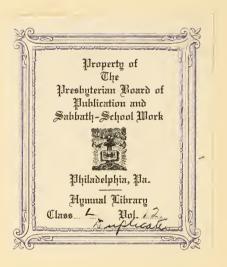
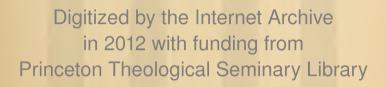
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SONGS FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

FOR USE IN THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL THE KINDERGARTEN AND THE HOME

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INTRODUCTION

If the wise man who preferred to write the songs of a nation to making its laws could have appointed song-makers for successive generations of children in every land, there might be to-day more people moved by "concord of sweet sounds," and fewer "fit for treason, stratagem, and spoils."

Those who are able to reach the heart of childhood through words, melody, and rhythm may always be counted among the wise who bring their gifts to the child. In order to write songs for children, it is necessary to "live with children," to know how to appeal to a child's feeling and understanding. Miss Danielson in her "Songs for Little People" shows a rare sympathy with the child-life and knowledge of its needs. The work is the result of her actual experience in teaching little ones and writing for them.

It is unique in its plan, including songs for every day and songs for Sunday, songs of one stanza for the wee ones, and songs for the older members of the class. The verses of the new songs are simple, childlike and poetic, and it is a real pleasure to find many of the classics of childhood included in the collection. The fine musical quality of the book is due to the original work of Miss Conant, and her renderings of selected melodies from many of the best composers. The list of authors and composers is a notable one.

One can heartily wish that this little book may reach many "little people" throughout the land.

LUCY WHEELOCK.

FOREWORD

The day is far past when anything was considered good enough for children, and the beginnings of reading and singing are now made the beginnings of literature and music. There is a growing conviction that to be suitable for them a poem need not be commonplace, nor a song ordinary. In preparing "Songs for Little People" the endeavor has been to make a book of literary and musical value, that is yet perfectly simple and childlike.

The poems have been chosen not alone for their beauty of thought but for their beauty of expression, the best writers of child-verse being called upon to contribute, for words learned at this early stage, when they will be retained in the memory the entire life, should be such as will prove treasures, and not mental rubbish. The music, while simple, within the compass of children's voices, and rhythmical, has been selected with equal care. Melodies from the masters, foreign kindergarten music, old English, French, and German carols have been used, and the folk-songs of many lands, some of which are believed to be now published for the first time in this country.

The book is adapted to the kindergarten and primary grades of the Sunday-school, to the kindergarten, and the home. It is so arranged that the strictly religious portions, the hymns, Bible verses, songs for festival days, processionals, and offertories, come in the first half, and the nature songs, wee songs, motion songs, and music, in the last half. This will be found convenient by both Sunday-school teachers and kindergartners, although hymns and festival songs are much used in the kindergarten, and the modern Sunday-school teacher appreciates the value of nature and motion songs.

The special features are the revival of many of those choice old hymns which are indeed the heritage of childhood, and which have been in sore danger of passing; Bible verses set to simple music, a delightful way to learn Scripture; wee songs for the tiniest children, who cannot yet carry the thought over into a second stanza; and motion songs and music, that spiritualize the physical exercises necessary to insure quiet attention.

Sincere thanks are tendered to the authors and publishers who have so kindly permitted the use of poems and songs, and to the friends of little children, both in the Sunday-school and the kindergarten, who have shown interest in the progress of this book. It now remains for it to win its way to the hearts of the little people and to be given out to the world through their voices.

> Frances Weld Danielson. Grace Wilbur Conant.

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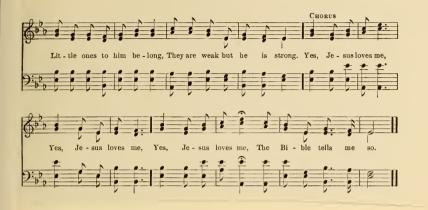
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- 3 Let the sweet and joyful story
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 Wake on earth a song of glory,
 Like the angels' song above.
- 4 Father, send the glorious hour,
 Every heart be thine alone;
 For the kingdom and the power,
 And the glory are thine own.





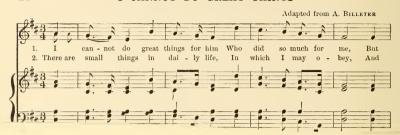


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- 3 Loving Jesus, gentle Lamb, In thy gracious hands I am, Make me, Saviour, what thou art, Live thyself within my heart.
- 4 I shall then show forth thy praise, Serve thee all my happy days; Then the world shall always see Christ, the holy Child, in me.

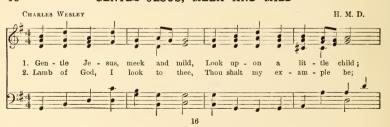




- 3 Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to thee.
- 4 Early let us seek thy favor;
 Early let us do thy will;
 Blessed Lord and only Saviour,
 With thy love our bosoms fill:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 Thou hast loved us, love us still.



19 GENTLE JESUS, MEEK AND MILD



ONE LITTLE STAR



- 3 Each little star has its special ray, Each little beam has its place in the day, Each little river drop impulse and sway; Feather and flower and songlet help too.
- 4 Each little child can some love-work find,
 Each little hand and each little mind,
 All can be gentle and useful and kind,
 Though they are little, like me and like you.



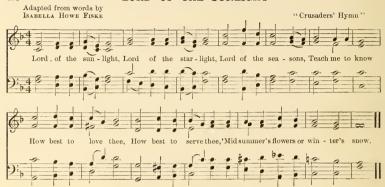
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3 Yet still to his footstool in prayer I may go

LORD OF THE SUNLIGHT







I John 4:8



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THE CHRISTMAS MANGER HYMN



MARTIN LUTHER'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

Written for his little son Hans, 1585
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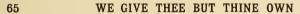




THE BETTER LAND

(The questions and answers may be sung by teacher and pupils, or by two sets of children.) WILLIAM B. BRADBURY, 1861 with pil - grims, are not the way go - ing, lone - ly, Go - ing each staff in you 2. Fear ye way so You, a lit tle, fee - ble band? our King's com - mand. jour - ney, - ing a Go - ing at No, for friends un - seen are Ho - ly gels round us near us, an -

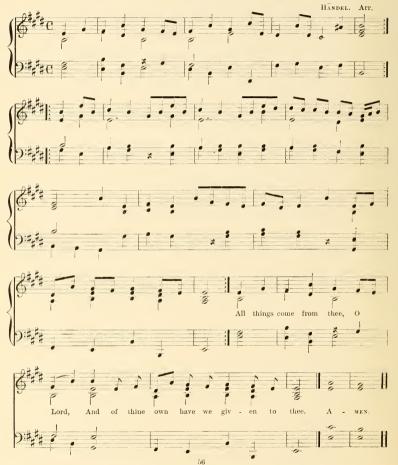






OFFERTORY MARCH

(After the offering has been taken up, let the children stop marching, standing quietly while they sing the prayer.)







NATURE SONGS

FLY AWAY, SWALLOW



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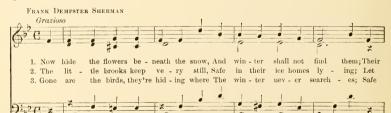




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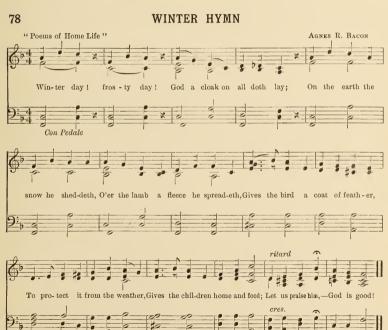


4 But comes the spring at last to look
For all her playmates hidden,
And one by one, flower, bird and brook,
Shall from its place be bidden.









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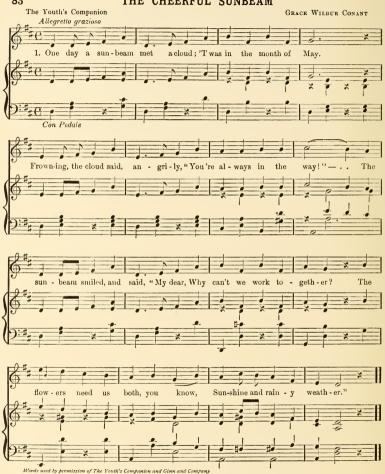
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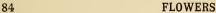
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- 3 Then he gives the pleasant weather, Sunshine warm and free, Making all things glad together, Kind to them and kind to me. Lovely flowers, he loveth you, And the little children too.
- 4 Though he cannot hear you singing Softly chiming lays, Surely God can see you bringing Silent songs of wordless praise; Hears your anthem, sweet and true, Hears the little children too.

DANDELIONS IN THE GRASS







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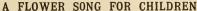




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3 Hidden away under meadow grasses, Like a hint of the far, blue sky, If we look close we shall find a blossom Right at our feet, so quiet and shy; Quiet and shy, yet what were spring, Wanting the violet's offering?

4 Day by day the happy wild flowers Lift their heads to the sun's warm glow, Gratefully drink the cooling showers, Rocked by the winds, sway to and fro; Then as the night brings shadows deep, Drooping their little heads they sleep.

THE WIND

"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth."





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TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR

95 JANE TAYLOR J. W. ELLIOTT Andante con moto e tranquillo 1. Twin-kle, twin-kle, lit - tle star, won-der what you How I are! Up 2. When the blaz-ing sun is gone, When he noth-ing shines up - on, Then you the dark Thanks you for your ti - ny spark: How could 3. Then the trav-'ler in cres. 82



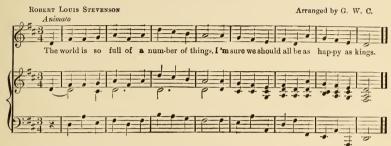




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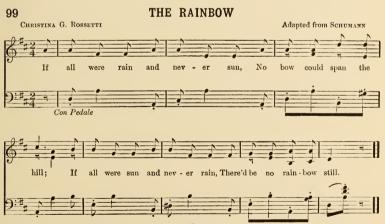
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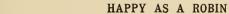


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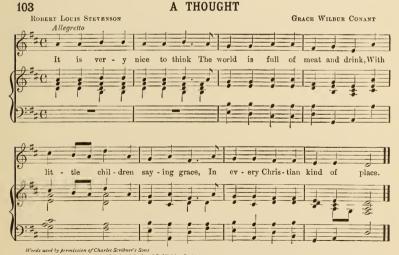


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MOTION SONGS

OH, WHAT CAN LITTLE HANDS DO

(As the children sing the responses, they hold out hands, and point to lips, eyes, and hearts.)

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3 Oh, what can little eyes do, To please the King of heaven? The little eyes can upward look, And learn to read God's holy Book: Such grace to mine be given. 4 Oh, what can little hearts do,
To please the King of heaven?
Young hearts, if God his Spirit send,
Can love and trust their Saviour-Friend:
Such grace to mine be given.

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THE BIRDS' YEAR

(Let the children stand and represent the flying birds by their fluttering fingers, which light gently upon heads and shall deer. The outstretched, swaying arms become the waving branches. Then the left hands form round nests, and the young ones are fed with the fingers of the right hands. Once more the fluttering fingers of the skipd above.



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3 Birds their nests are weaving, Soft and snug and round; Soon to young ones giving Food that they have found. 4 Now the nests are empty,—
High up in the air
Baby birds are flying
Here, there, everywhere.

113 AUTUMN LEAVES



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114 THE NEST



THE RAIN-DROPS

(The children stand in two rows. Two of the smallest walk between the rest, singing the first verse and calling out a foothers to join them at the words "and you, and you." The children thus called full in behind the two rain-drops, and march about the room sinying, adding to their number at each verse, and standing in a circle as they sing the last verse. Or, if the circle be a large one, the marching may all be done within it, the children twining about like a stream, and coming to a rest before their chairs, as they sing the last verse.)





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Now steadily we flow along; a river wide are we; No more to rest until, at last, the river joins the sea. No longer weak, no longer small, our course we now pursue, — And yet there's room enough for all, for you, and you.

4

Dear rain-drops, you found out the way, and grateful all are we,
For stream and brook and river wide have reached the glorious sea.
And though at first you were so small, and we were very few,
Just look how great and strong we've grown, because we've followed you, and you,
Just look how great and strong we've grown, because we've followed you.

THE BIRDS' LULLABY

(Let the arms be extended to represent a cradle and swayed in time to the music.)



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THE FINGER FAMILY

(During first verse hold up right hand. As the fingers are mentioned in second verse, touch them, beginning with the thumb. Tuck the little finger into the palm of the hand and gently sway, softly humming over the last two measures.)



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THE WAKING OF THE FLOWERS

(A SPRINGTIME OR EASTER EXERCISE)

(Let children, in groups of four or nine, be arranged in solid squares, their heads bowed, representing flowers sleeping in graden beds, with spaces between for paths, while an older vace sings softly the opening words. After this, at the point in the music indicated by a star, a child impersonates the sunshine and strays along the paths, lightly touching the little bowed heads, which rise, here one, there another, till all the garden beds are filled with bright flowers, which lift their sweet faces and sing their hum of praise.)



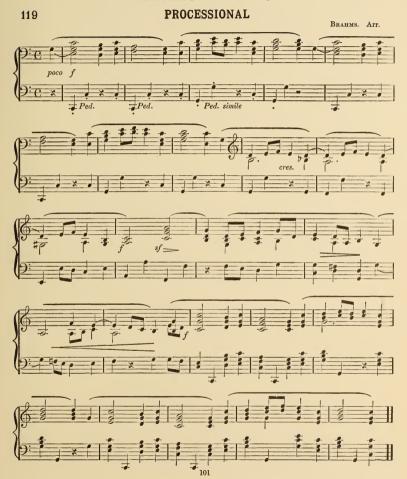


 This passage for piano, beginning with bar indicated by the star, should be played with constantly increasing animation till the reentrance of the voices.



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MOTION MUSIC







SUNDAY MORNING



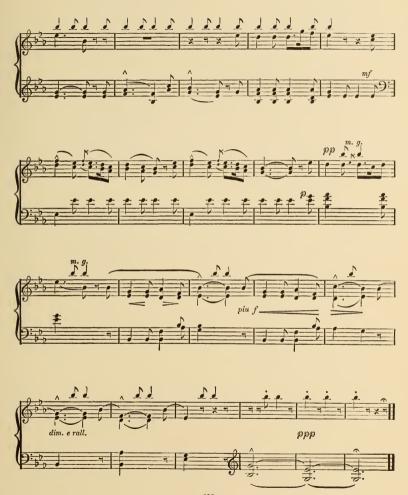
(Let the children stand, representing trees, the arms held out for branches, the fingers fluttering leaves. As the winds, indicated by the music, blow hard or lightly, so do the trees sway.)



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(Let the children ring imaginary church bells, grasping a rope high overhead and pulling it slowly down to the floor.)







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